



SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.
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The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Anaheim Cultural Arts Center, 931 North Harbor Blvd., Anaheim. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

Membership dues are accepted January thru September. Adult members: \$10.00 each, and Junior members \$2.00 each.

Field Trips are usually held on the second weekend of each month. These are announced monthly. Trip maps, added activities, time changes and other pertinent information will be published in the bulletin.

Board meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at the Cultural Arts Center at 7:30 PM.

WORKSHOPS: Lapidary every Thursday except the third Thursday each month, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM (ADULT MEMBERS ONLY).

Silversmithing each Wednesday, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM and every Thursday, Noon - 4:00 PM.

Deadline for items to be included in the bulletin is the second (2nd) Thursday of each month. Please mail all items to: Marge Jordan, 12161 Bartlett Street, Garden Grove, CA 92645.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Again I want to congratulate you on the 31st Annual Gem Roundup, what a great job! Teamwork is the key to a successful club and our show is a good example. New club member involvement is not only encouraged, but is needed and appreciated.

Speaking of shows we have two coming up that also promise to be extra special. The "Pageant of American Gems", CFMS/AFMS Annual Show and Convention, hosted by the Conejo Gem and Mineral Club, June 28th thru July 1st, Ventura County Fairgrounds. The Orange County Fair will present the Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Lapidary Show, July 11th through July 22nd at the Orange County Fairgrounds. Please support both events through active participation, you'll have a good time.

Another example of Searcher involvement is about to be presented to the membership for approval. Work was first started in 1988 when a committee was formed to identify job duties within our club. That list was referenced by the club officers of 1989 as a revision of our Standing Rules began. The purpose of the revision was to update the Rules. General membership input was solicited and opinions were given due consideration. The work carried over and your 1990 officers have made it ready for presentation. Your club officers have invested many hours and feel very good about the results and recommend ammendment of the Standing Rules accordingly.

A copy of the proposed Standing Rules revision is included as an attachment to this bulletin. This revision will be voted on at the July General Meeting, where a majority vote of members present is necessary.

Enjoy tonight's celebration, and I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Fairgrounds in Ventura and Costa Mesa.

Jim Williamson

SHOW DATES:

Jun 28 - Jul 1	"Pageant of American Gems"
	CFMS/AFMS Annual Show/Convention
	Ventura County Fairgrounds
	Ventura, CA
	Hours: Jun 28th thru 30th - 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
	Jul 1st - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

SHOW DATES (Cont'd):

Jul 7 - 8 Culver City Rock and Mineral Club
Veterans Memorial Auditorium
Overland at Culver Blvd
Culver City, CA
Hours: Jul 7 - 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Jul 8 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Jul 13 thru 15 Orcutt Mineral Society, Tailgating Pow Wow
Arroyo Grande Community Center
211 Vernon Street
Arroyo Grande
Contact = Paul Schmidt (805) 773-4388

Aug 11 - 12 LaPacifica Gem and Mineral Show (moved from Long Beach
Hawthorne Memorial Center Convention Center to
3901 W. El Segundo Blvd Hawthorne, CA)
Hawthorne, CA
Hours: Aug 11th - 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Aug 12th - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

ORANGE COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL COUNCIL:

A very successful meeting of the newly formed Orange County Gem and Mineral Council was held this past Saturday, June 16th, 1990 at the Gem and Mineral Building at the Orange County Fairgrounds.

An election of officers was held and stood as follows:

Chairman - Todd Schowalter (Representative - Orange County Fair)
Assistant Chairman - Dick Knox (Representative - Capistrano Valley
Rock and Mineral Club)
Secretary - Nancy Kramp (Representative - Santa Ana Rock and Mineral)

Several issues were brought up in regards to the formation and purpose of this Council by representatives from Clubs that attended.

You will be informed of these issues at this June meeting.

Nancy Kramp

FEDERATION DELEGATE REPORT:

Mark your calendar to attend the "Pageant of American Gems", AFMS/CFMS National Show and Convention, June 28th thru July 1st, 1990, Ventura County Fairgrounds. The Fairgrounds which is located on the beach is a lovely setting and there are many things to do in this area.

Elmer Parsons

THE GOOD SIDE OF CYANIDE IN THE ENVIRONMENT

Cyanide can be toxic. That statement will not raise many eyebrows. And just in the case of salt, aspirin, vitamins and other substances, which can also be toxic, it is the amount consumed that determines toxicity; small amounts can be assimilated safely by most people.

We live in an environment sprinkled with cyanide. Fortunately, most of the cyanide we come into contact with is found in small amounts. When taken into the body by ingestion or inhalation, cyanide is rapidly picked up by the blood and transported to the liver where it is detoxified and then sent through the kidneys and - excretion.

Toxic levels are difficult to attain. Low doses are rapidly detoxified by most species. Cyanide cannot be considered a persistent pollutant. The environment itself is a threat to the presence of cyanide - and not vice versa. Strange as it may seem, cyanide is a part of our daily lives.

The feature of cyanide which makes it useful to society - its chemical activity - helps to remove it from the natural environment.

The major source of human exposure occurs through the inhalation of cigarette smoke. A second source is catalytic converters on automobiles. In the home, potassium cyanide is used as an ingredient in silver polish. It is also used, in one form, to prevent caking and lumping of table salt which is commonly used in food processing such as bread, cereals, natural cheeses, meat and salad dressings.

The average daily consumption of cyanide compounds by the American public has been estimated at 0.6 mg, well below the 1.5 mg level considered safe. Many plants and foods contain naturally occurring cyanide which, when cooked, release cyanide in the atmosphere.

Of late, there has been considerable interest in gold and silver mines and their use of cyanide, and its effects on the environment. Cyanide has a long and successful history of use in the mining industry. It was first used in mining in the last century when it was discovered that weak solutions could dissolve both gold and silver and was especially good in treating low-grade ores. In nearly a century of use as a routine industrial process, searches of records have found no known, proveable, accidental fatalities from its use. In the recovery of gold and silver from ores, a working solution is made from sodium cyanide and other chemicals. The cyanide solution containing the precious metals is then circulated through a closed system. The remaining treated ore is washed with water until no free cyanide is detected; the washed ore is then disposed of back on the land site -- from Marion F. Ely II - Environmental Consultant - California Minerals Symposium - via BLM Newsbeat - Dec 1989 and CFMS Newsletter, May 1990.

Elmer Parsons

REMINDER: I will need all items for the July bulletin NOT LATER THAN 11 July.

Marge

HIGHLIGHTS - MAY GENERAL MEETING:

President Williamson congratulated the club on putting on a fine show and announced that our 1991 Show Chairman will be Merle Howe. Joel Swanson, 1990 Show Chairman thanked everyone who worked on the show for their help and cooperation.

Our program was presented by Harry Kuszmaul, a member of GIA. Mr Kuszmaul talked on gold and demonstrated ways to test it.

An updated report was made on the possibility of a show at the Anaheim Plaza shopping center sometime in October. Fourteen people indicated an interest in having a table from which to sell their jewelry. Six were possible demonstrators. The project is to be given more study.

An organization meeting for the Orange County Council of Clubs was held during our show. It was agreed each club was to send one representative and one alternate to the next meeting. Jim Williamson was chosen to attend these investigative meetings.

Jay Cole, Field Trip Chairman, was asked to explain some of our activities in more detail for the benefit of newer members. The Doheny Beach picnic will be held July 8th in Section 7. This is a potluck. Everybody and their families are welcome. Section 7 is a grassy and shady area a bit closer to the beach and pier than the area we have had in the past years. There will be no electric in this section.

The Ice Cream Social will be held in August at Yorba Regional Park. Bernie Goldgorin will be in Charge of this event. The Club will furnish the ice cream and soft drinks. Members to bring cakes, pies, cookies etc.

Margaret Neeley reported on the Anaheim Arts Council Annual Soiree which was held April 28th at the Disneyland Hotel. The turn out was good. Their income was \$35,000 which will be distributed to various Anaheim cultural groups and organizations. No money amount was designated for any one organization.

Marge

PROGRAM REPORT:

The June Meeting is "Awards Night". Trophy presentation by Dennis Van Kampen. In addition to our annual potluck dinner and the award presentations there will be several bingo games with PRIZES and a free fun night for all.

July will bring George Shepard to the podium to tell us fantastic things about the Long Beach veterans. They do more than rocks; glass, wood, iron, etc. Lets let George tell us.

Wear your badge...support your Club.

Bill Keyes

JEWELRY WORKSHOP:

The Thursday afternoon jewelry workshop WILL NOT be meeting this summer during the months of June, July and August. The last meeting was May 31st. We will resume our Thursday afternoon workshops on September 7th, 1990.

Ed Zinn will come to our sessions and give instruction in silver channel work as long as there is an interest. Those of you who saw Ed's demonstration at our show can appreciate the wonderful opportunity this will present.

Clem Ducobu

SUNSHINE:

Happy to report that Henry Freedman is well and back to doing his faceting and also some kitchen remodeling.

Mary Nelson has completed medical tests and is now back to work (sorry you had to miss the May and extended Field Trips).

Millie Shepard is recovering from a very serious auto accident.

I am happy to announce that Harley and Evelyn Wilder will be celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary on June 27th...for anyone wishing to send cards.

Doris Pelfrey

RECIPE CORRECTION:

Please correct the recipe that was in last months bulletin (your editor goofed...seems I have a hang up when it come to recipes). Sorry 'bout that!

INSTANT HAPPINESS CAKE (POPPY SEED CAKE)

- 1 Yellow cake mix (no pudding added)
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 4 Eggs
- 1 Small Instant vanilla pudding (3½ size)
- ¾ C Dry Pale Sherry Wine
- ¾ C Wesson Oil
- ¼ C Poppy Seeds (add last)

Blend all ingredients except Poppy Seeds in a large bowl - beat for 4 minutes. Fold in Poppy Seeds, pour into a greased, floured Bundt Pan. Bake at 350° for 50 minutes. Cool - Sprinkle with powdered sugar if desired.

Betty Henderson

MEMORIAL DAY AND EXTENDED FIELD TRIPS

Our Memorial Day trip to Copperworld (Cima Road and I-15) began when people started arriving Thursday afternoon, May 24th. By sundown we had 7 rigs with more to come during the late evening. Several arrived very early Friday morning and throughout the day and evening and, early Saturday. During our 3 days at Cima Road we had 21 rigs and 40 people plus 4 day trippers who came out Saturday and 4 more who came in Sunday and joined the hunt at Copperworld.

We had a field trip out in the tules Friday (led by Henry Norek) searching for amethyst crystals among other things...Henry (and others) said it was by far the worst road and experience we've had in a long time and he (Henry) suggested we fire him as a field trip leader...we did. Don't despair Henry...but please pick a better one next time...we are all aware of your knowledge of good hunting areas...we'll follow.

Saturday morning Sue Hickman came out and led us to Cow Cove where we were met by a Ranger who gave us a tour and lecture on Indian petroglyphs which was very interesting. We returned to camp for lunch after which Sue took some of us up to Copperworld for a couple of hours before returning to Yermo. A big thanks to you Sue, we all appreciated your taking your time to come out and lead us for the day. Norm couldn't make it...had to work...maybe next time we can get these two together on a field trip. We did miss you Norm.

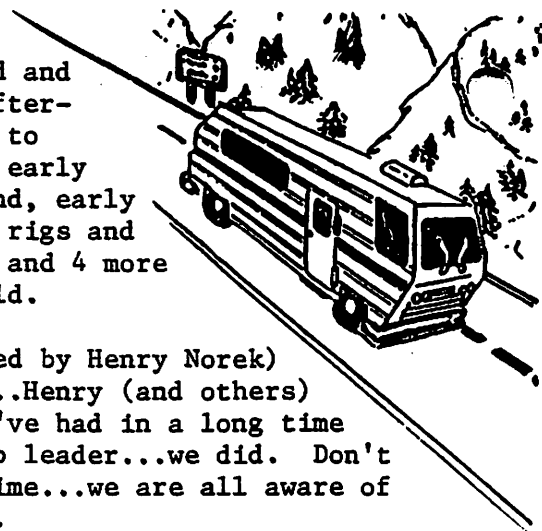
We had good weather until Monday morning. We were able to have a campfire each evening. It was comfortable days and cool evenings. Not to forget the wind we had each evening but particularly Saturday when it was time for our Rocktail Party/Potluck. Thanks to the Husbys we used their rig for a wind-break and put up canvas so had quite a comfortable little cove. The food was of the usual Searcher EXCELLENT quality...do we have good cooks or what?

Sunday was a good day some went to Copperworld and other areas in the locality. Seven rigs left and went on to Stateline for a nice dinner and evening while the rest stayed at Cima Road. For those of you who left Sunday you sure missed a good campfire with the "Marshmallow Queen" passing out tasty roasted marshmallows and Larry Richey making some powerful "campfire" coffee.

Everyone left Cima Road by 9:00 AM Monday morning in the misty rain heading for Orange County or Beaver, Utah.

Those who went on to Beaver, Utah arrived at various times during the afternoon to chilly temperatures and sporadic showers. The Leiths had taken a detour through Zion National Park and drove in snow in the higher elevations. They made it through with no problems and managed to bring enough snow along to give George Arvanites a "cold" welcome. They "gotcha" George!

Ted and Elaine Drake met us at the United Campground in Beaver (so good to see them again) thus bringing our total to 17 rigs and 34 people plus three others, Walter Mroch and two new Searcher members, who stayed in local motels but joined us on the field trips.



MEMORIAL DAY AND EXTENDED FIELD TRIP (Cont'd):

Unfortunately due to the cold and rainy weather the planned hayride had to be cancelled and our guided trip to the mines cancelled and the Dutch Oven BBQ postponed from Tuesday until Wednesday evening.

Beaver is an interesting area and we had field trips to several areas around there. Even found some chalcedony roses not too far from our campground. Out near Milford we were able to get up to a copper mine for some chrysocolla, malachite, azurite and material similar to Copperworld.

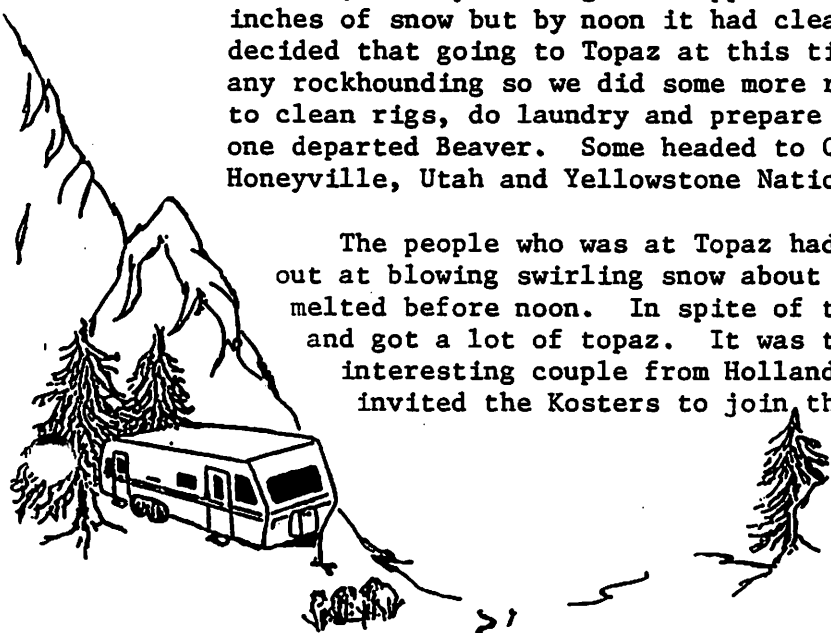
Leaving the copper mine Norm Husby led the way (or was it his navigator) to the abandoned Old Frisco mine and off the main highway in search of bubble opal. However we kept going in the opposite direction from where the map stated "bubble opal". We drove, we drove and we drove (17 miles) until those of us without 4 wheel drive had to turn back. They drove in about another half mile and did find some blue agate. We do know that he initiated that new Jeep (what some people will do to show off their new vehicles). Back to the main highway once again we fired Norm as our leader. Sorry Norm you are going to have to be able to read maps better and distinguish between North, South, East and West before you lead us again.

We did make it back to camp in time to have a Rocktail Hour prior to the Dutch Oven BBQ. Alice Lux made some delicious hors d'oeuvres and chip and dip with everyone bringing their own beverage. The dinner (no host) was Dutch Oven BBQ, consisting of BBQ chicken, potatoes, baked beans, scones and, the most delicious peach cobbler. Everything was cooked in large iron Dutch Ovens over an open fire. It was absolutely super. The ladies from United Campground who organized it and the local men and ladies who cooked and served really did a terrific job.

Thursday one of the local fellows took several Searchers out to his claims where they got snowflake obsidian, gold sheen and various other obsidian. Also, beryl, black and green tourmaline, galena, bornite, pyrite, magnetite and some very good specimens.

The Klumbs and Aasens left early Wednesday morning for other areas. Thursday morning 4 rigs went on to Topaz Mountain, another to Piute Dam and the Luxes headed for California via central Nevada. Eight rigs stayed in Beaver until Friday morning with plans of meeting the others at Topaz. However, Friday morning we stepped out of our rigs and was greeted by 2½ inches of snow but by noon it had cleared and the snow melted. We all decided that going to Topaz at this time was cutting the time there to do any rockhounding so we did some more rockhounding at Beaver and took time to clean rigs, do laundry and prepare to move on. Saturday morning everyone departed Beaver. Some headed to Orange County, others to Park City and Honeyville, Utah and Yellowstone National Park.

The people who was at Topaz had quite a surprise Friday morning looking out at blowing swirling snow about 8 inches deep but like Beaver it was all melted before noon. In spite of the unseasonal snow they had a great time and got a lot of topaz. It was there that these Searchers met a lovely interesting couple from Holland, Peter and Jacqueline Koster. They invited the Kosters to join them on the trip to Nyssa, Oregon which



MEMORIAL DAY AND EXTENDED FIELD TRIP (Cont'd):

they agreed to and all of us who went to Nyssa had the good fortune of meeting them and enjoying their company.

We had 8 rigs at Nyssa plus the Kosters. Everyone but the Neeleys arriving on Tuesday, June 5th. The Neeleys arrived Saturday morning in their new "Rounder" Boulder (we thought they'd never get there).

Thunderegg Days at Nyssa, Oregon sponsored by the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce and the Treasure Valley Rock and Gem Club and other organizations was a delightful experience. It was like a small well organized Quartzsite with approximately 100 dealers/tailgaters.

There were 3 planned field trips, the first to the Haystack Butte area for red jasper; the second to the petrified wood agate area and the third to Graveyard Point for plume agate. Many of the Searchers participated and got some good material.

There were special treats planned for each evening. The first evening was a Roast Beef Dinner offered by the Nyssa Sports Booster. The second evening a Thunderegg Days Chicken Barbecue offered by the Nyssa Lions Club. The third evening was Homemade Ice Cream and Cake Social sponsored by the United Methodist Church and the fourth and final evening a Mexican Dinner prepared and served by the Latin Assembly of God. These were great dinners and at a very reasonable price.

All visitors were allowed to park their rigs in the local park at no charge, self contained rigs a must. Nyssa a town of 2,862 population does one terrific job of hosting the visitors who come to their Annual Thunderegg Days. Needless to say that all of the Searchers who made the trip to Nyssa thoroughly enjoyed it.

The Husbys left us early Saturday morning to head for their new home in Sequim, Washington. We were a kind of "teary eyed" group saying our farewells to them. They will be missed and hopefully they will be joining us on our Thanksgiving campout. Just so long for awhile Marje and Norm...we wish you the very best.

Ah yes, and did you know that we have a Ben Hur in the Searchers...it seems one George Arvanites mounted the ramps on George Mitchum's tow dolly making like it was a chariot when the tiedown straps (in a free wheeling position) let loose. George ended up flat on his back (fortunately unhurt). The expression on his face was one we'll never forget. If only we could have had that on a home video there is no doubt it would have taken a big FIRST.

This concluded our last evening in Nyssa and Sunday we all said our farewells and headed our separate ways.

Marge

HANDY HINT: One way to clean quartz and amethyst crystals is to cover them with fresh vinegar to remove carbonates such as calcite, barite and lime. Allow to stand overnight. Repeat if necessary, wash well, and place crystals in washing type ammonia for 8 - 12 hours. Remove, rinse, and wipe dry.

from Rockhound Record via Breccia 2/89
and North Orange County News 6/90

"VERY, BERRY EXTRAORDINARY" - 1990 ORANGE COUNTY FAIR, July 11 - 22

I would like to remind you that the Orange County Fair dates are coming up fast and, Todd Schowalter, Supervisor for the Gem and Mineral Department needs volunteers. We had good member participation in '89 and I'm sure we can do as well if not better in '90. Why not sign up to donate a few hours of your time and help out in the Gem and Mineral Building. You can be a Host or Hostess or work at the demonstration table or help elsewhere in the building. There are sign up sheets on the table in the rear of the meeting room for those wishing to volunteer. HURRY AND SIGN UP - VOLUNTEER A FEW HOURS, it's fun. Lets have a good showing of Searchers again this year.

Marge

PROPER ETIQUETTE ON A FIELD TRIP:

It is the responsibility of each one of us to furnish our own facilities and meals on a campout.

Please don't put anyone in embarrassing positions by asking to use their facilities. Each one of us has started out in the same way at some time or other and it's a simple thing to furnish your own needs.

FUTURE FIELD TRIPS

Our June Field Trip, June 23-24 will be to Last Chance Canyon. Day trippers are welcome but please remember that we leave camp at 9:00 AM for the field trip. See map elsewhere in this bulletin.

Our Annual Picnic will be Sunday, July 8th at Doheny State Beach, Section 7. There is a \$4.00 per vehicle entrance fee. Plan to arrive anytime after 10:00 AM. This will be Potluck so bring your favorite main dish, salads, desserts etc. Soft drinks, ice tea and ice to be furnished by the Club. Barbecue grills will be available for anyone who would like to do hamburgers, hot dogs etc. Remember bring your own charcoal and lighter fluid. We will begin serving at 1:00 PM. See map elsewhere in this bulletin.

Jay Cole

LADIES: I've had many requests for my Raspberry Bar recipe so here it is:

RASPBERRY BARS

3/4	Cup margarine	1/2	teaspoon soda
1	Cup brown sugar (packed)	1 1/2	Cups Old fashioned Oats or Quick Oats (uncooked)
1 1/2	Cup Flour		
1	teaspoon salt (may use 1/2 teaspoon)	1	10 ounce jar of preserves

Cream margarine and sugar until fluffy. Add rest of dry ingredients, mix well. Press half of crumbled mixture into greased 13" x 9" pan and spread with preserves. Sprinkle remaining crumbs on top. Bake at 400° for 20 to 25 minutes. Cool and cut into bars. You may use any flavor preserves of your choice...it does not have to be raspberry.

Nancy Kramp

FIELD TRIP LAST CHANCE CANYON

June 23 and 24, 1990

After you leave Red Rock Canyon about 2 miles more or less, you will cross a cattle crossing painted across the highway... about 100 yards turn Right on Red Rock Inyokern Road. This is a graded gravel road. Campsite is about a half mile on Right side. We will collect colorful yellow and red jasper, black agate and wood (if you want to dig 6 ft or more).

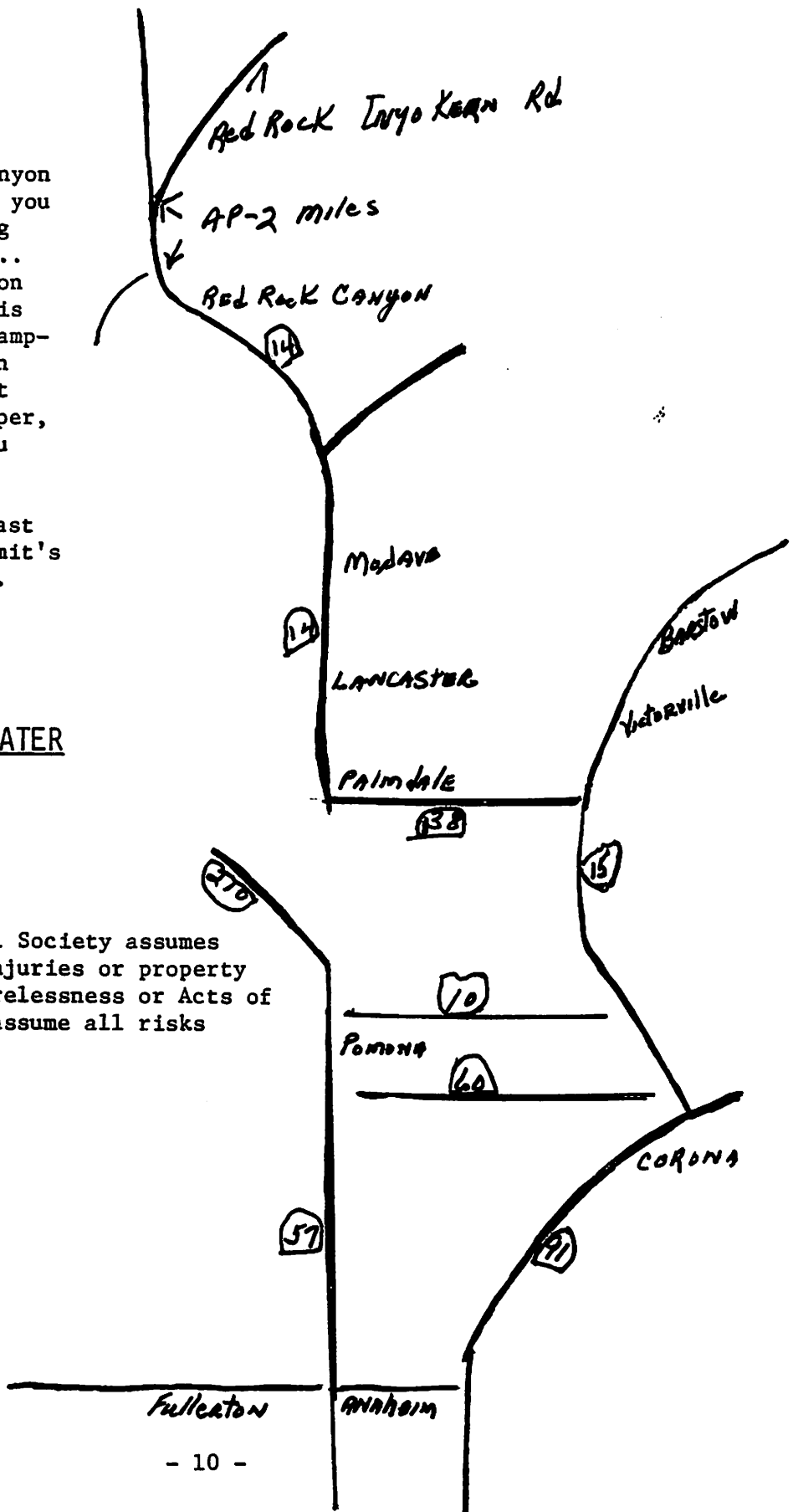
We will explore beautiful Last Chance Canyon and Burro Schmit's tunnel through the mountain.

Carl Pitzler

DRY CAMP BRING WOOD & WATER

For more information call
Jay Cole (714) 639-7983

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TRANSMISSION SAFETY

Some people think we rockhounds are crazy to go out in all kinds of weather over all kinds of terrain just so we can bring home a bunch of rocks. Well, we aren't really crazy, we just act that way. And we do know enough to take care of our equipment, and especially our vehicles, while asking for good performance under bad conditions.

In these days of automatic transmissions, air conditioners, power steering, etc., stories of how someone got stalled in the middle of the Mojave Desert in 105° heat because the automatic transmission quit are becoming more frequent. The problem is compounded when towing, especially uphill and in the summer months.

Some things can be done to prevent this problem, like keeping the radiator free of obstruction and changing the transmission oil. The following chart shows the life expectancy of an automatic transmission for varying fluid temperatures.

175°F --	100,000 mi	295°F --	1,500 mi
195°F --	50,000 mi	315°F --	750 mi
212°F --	25,000 mi	335°F --	325 mi
235°F --	12,000 mi	375°F --	80 mi
255°F --	6,000 mi	390°F --	40 mi
275°F --	3,000 mi	415°F --	less than 30 mi

It should be noted that the above temperatures are taken at the sump. We realize that your car does not come equipped with a temperature gauge for the transmission sump and that there is no direct correlation between radiator temperature and transmission fluid temperature in the sump. However, for those who are diligent enough (and everyone who drives deserts in the summer months should be extra diligent), a sensor can be added to the pressure side of the transmission line running to the radiator which should reflect near sump temperature.

For the rest of us, changing the oil at the mileages indicated in the operators manual is the best safeguard against transmission failure. In between changes, watch the color of the oil. It turns brownish when it has been overheated. When this happens, this oil, as well as the oil in the torque converter should be changed immediately. Of course, the oil levels should be checked before each trip according to the individual owners manual.

De and Mary Sharp, Safety Chairmen
via CFMS Newsletter, June 1990

ALASKAN JADE VASES at AFMS/CFMS - "Pageant of American Gems"

The Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art located in Elmhurst, Illinois, will exhibit a pair of Alaskan jade vases at the AFMS/CFMS Show and Convention in Ventura, CA, June 28-July 1, 1990.

These vases are the first major jade carvings to be created from Alaskan nephrite material. In 1947 George Van Hagen of Barrington, Illinois, while on an Alaskan trip found a 728 pound boulder of jade. This was near Jade Mountain (about 250 miles northwest of Fairbanks). This material was flown back to the Chicago area where two 75 pound slabs were cut. It was many years later when T.C. Chang, carver from Hong Kong, was commissioned to work on the jade.

The vases were on display at the New York World Fair, displayed at the Smithsonian Institution and in 1974 were obtained by the Lizzadro Museum.

This is only one of the many outstanding exhibits to be shown at the "Pageant of American Gems" in Ventura, California.

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SEARCHER'S ANNUAL PICNIC - JULY 8th

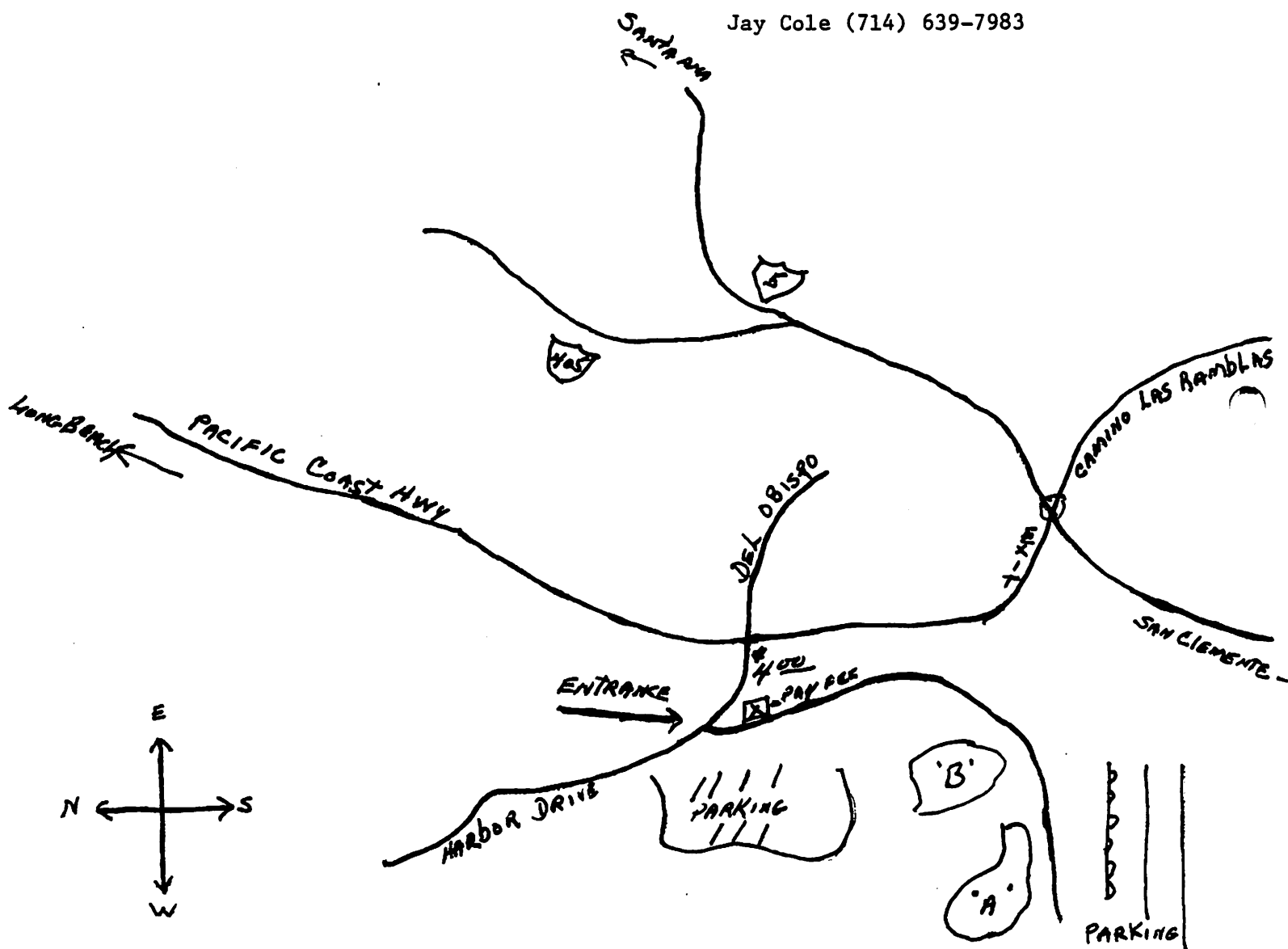
Our Annual Picnic will be Sunday, July 8th - Doheny State Beach - SECTION 7 (ask at Gate for location). There is a \$4.00 per vehicle entrance fee. Plan to arrive anytime after 10:00 AM.

This is a POTLUCK picnic - bring your favorite main dish, salads, desserts etc. Soft drinks, ice tea and ice furnished by the Club. No electricity in this area. Barbecue grills are available for anyone wanting to BBQ -- please bring your own charcoal and lighter fluid. We will be serving at 1:00 PM.

Anyone planning to stay down to the park for dinner bring your food for your evening meal.

Lets have a good turnout...see you there - Sunday, July 8th!

Jay Cole (714) 639-7983



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